GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1297
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UPGRADATION OF MEDICAL FACILITIES
SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a plan to upgrade the facilities at the Government Medical Colleges and attached hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the World Bank assistance for this purpose is likely to be sought;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a proposal to strengthen and upgrade medical colleges and attached hospitals in Maharashtra is pending for a long time with the Central Government; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. In 2001 all State Govts./UTs were requested to formulate suitable project proposals for strengthening the quality of medical education and improving the physical infrastructure of the Government Medical Colleges and attached hospitals with World Bank assistance.

(e) & (f): A project proposal with an estimated cost of Rs.550 crore was received from the State Government in January, 2002 for World Bank assistance. This was sent to Department of Economic Affairs for posing it to World Bank. While observing that focus of World Bank funding in Health and Family Welfare Sector has been on primary health care, disease control programme, RCH, etc., Department of Economic Affairs has stated that the external funding for medical colleges and attached hospitals would take away the focus from primary health care, etc. and have requested for a review of the said project proposal.